



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 27th September 2024

Message from the Headteacher

As we embrace the autumn (I think we can safely now say bye, bye summer!), I have been reflecting on the wonderful events and experiences that have recently unfolded at our school – as usual. It's been a joy to witness our pupils flourishing and showcasing their talents in various ways.

One of the highlights of our week was today's Harvest Festival service, which brought our school community together in a spirit of gratitude and sharing. I was particularly impressed by the exceptional, confident public speaking skills demonstrated by our pupils during this event. Their voices rang out clear and proud. It was great to see how well they articulated their thoughts and engaged with the audience – even if the technology let us down a little. We even got back to school before a deluge from above! A special mention must go to the delightful retelling of 'The Little Red Hen'. Our young storytellers brought this classic tale to life with enthusiasm and creativity, captivating everyone present. Their performance was a testament to the hard work they've put in to developing their literacy and drama skills over the weeks and years.

This week, I've had the pleasure of welcoming potential new Reception pupils and their families to our school. These visits are always a highlight for me, as they provide an opportunity to showcase the warm and nurturing environment we've cultivated here at St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe. I am immensely proud of how our current pupils rose to the occasion during these tours. They were, without exception, absolutely delightful ambassadors for our school. Their behaviour, manners, and enthusiasm clearly demonstrated to our visitors what a lovely school we have. It was touching to see how naturally they embodied our school values and created a welcoming atmosphere for our guests.

I do hope everyone has a happy and safe weekend with maybe a dash of sunshine and I look forward to what next week may bring.

Craig Ward – Interim Headteacher

Harvest Festival

All classes celebrated Harvest at the church this morning. Thank you for all the food and household items that you have sent in. They will now join the church's harvest collection and soon go over to the Dover Foodbank.





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'Celebration Assembly'

We are pleased to invite parent/carers to attend our Celebration Assembly.

Date: Friday, 4th October

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Census Day Thursday 3rd October

We are asking all children in Years R, 1 and 2 to register for a hot school meal on **Thursday, 3rd October** as it is the school census day.

We will only receive money to pay for your child's hot dinners, at any point during the year, if they eat a school meal on the census day.

If you think your child may not eat well enough on census day you can of course send in a packed lunch too.

Clubs start w/c 30th September

Club	Day and time
Boys' Football	Monday, 3:15 to 4:15
Girls' Football	Monday, 3:15 to 4:15
Netball	Tuesday, 3:15 to 4:15
Colouring	Tuesday, 3:15 to 4:15
Jigsaw	Tuesday, 3:15 to 4:15
Multi Skills	Wednesday, 3:15 to 4:15
Engineering Club	Friday, 3:15 to 4:15

All children (including Year 6 children) attending clubs which run after school need to be collected from the appropriate classroom door **BY AN ADULT** (over 18 years of age) **AT 4:15pm**. If your child is booked into the After School Childcare Service your child will be collected by a member of the ASC staff.

Reception Class 2025

We are already starting to think about our next new Reception Class. Do you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021? If so they will be eligible to start school in September 2025.

We invite families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. Please spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.



Whole School Attendance

23/09/24 - 27/09/24

97.8%

2024/2025 academic year to date

97.6%



Star Awards

w/e 27th September 2024

Hedgehogs – Beatrix

Rabbits – Harry B

Squirrels – Toby

Badgers – Mya

Woodpeckers – Lilia, Jasper, Laila, Millie, Sophie, Reggie &

Holly W

Owls – Charlotte



PTFA School Uniform

Our PTFA has a stock of second hand school uniform available.

If you require some good quality, low cost items please contact them through their email stmacptfa@gmail.com and they will arrange for the uniform to be left at the school office for you to collect.

If you have any items you are willing to donate to their stock please also contact them via email or bring these into the school office.



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Changeable Weather

All children will need a suitable coat at school every day. We have had a few items of lost property recently – if you name your child's clothing you are giving us a fighting chance of reuniting items with their owners. We typically hold onto things for about a term – they are kept on the office 'Bagpuss' windowsill for you to see – and then they will be given to the PTFA to go into the second hand uniform supply.



Forest School Sessions

w/c Monday, 30th September 2024

Squirrels Class

Things to remember:

- Wellington boots/old trainers
- Water resistant/water proof
- Trousers/tights



Thank You from the PTFA

The PTFA would like to extend a very big THANK YOU to everyone that came to our Quiz night. We raised a whopping **£820** for our School. Huge thanks to Emma Pearson for all her hard work organising the evening, Sarah Stanislawski for her assistance in obtaining some fantastic raffle prizes. Special mention also to the Falconbridge family (Tim, Sha, Sylvia, and Brian) for all their efforts putting the quiz together, Daniel for his assistance in running the evening and last but not least to Simon Yadoo for his brilliant hosting. Not also forgetting the number of other volunteers who all assisted with setting up, clearing away, selling raffle tickets etc, the list goes on! Thank you to everyone (& apologies to anyone we've missed out!). With some of the funds raised we have been able to donate some much needed outdoor play equipment to the School.



The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 30th September 2024

CLUBS START THIS WEEK

Monday, 30th September

- Squirrels Class Forest School sessions this week

Tuesday, 1st October

- **Deadline to reply for Dover Athletic FC ticket request via parentmail**
- **Hedgehog Class & St Margaret's Nursery trip** – see separate letter for details

Wednesday, 2nd October

- **Badgers Class deadline to respond to trip form via parentmail**

Thursday, 3rd October

- **School Census Day** – all children in Years R, 1 & 2 to please have a school lunch to secure their Infant Free School Meals funding for the year

Friday, 4th October

- **Hedgehogs & Rabbits Classes deadline to respond to trip form via parentmail**
- **'Celebration Assembly'** – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

Lunch Menu: Week 2

w/c Monday, 30th September
2024

£2.45 per day

[Menu-September-October.pdf](#)
(wholeschoolmeals.co.uk)

To pay for your meals online,
please go to:

<https://www.parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm>